# Tron County Register.

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Dora Meek, the sleeping girl of Centralia, Ill., passed the one hundredth day of her sleep, on the 6th. Adolphus Busch, the brewer, sub-

scribed \$50,000, on the 8th, toward the erection of a new hotel in St.

An average of more than ten deaths daily from the plague is recorded at Mazatlan, Mexico, and the lazarettos are full of patients.

President Jacob G. Sherman, of Cornell university, will address the students of the University of Missouri, at Columbia, January 12.

Senator McLaurin, of Mississippi, called on Postmaster-General Payne. on the 8th, and urged him to reopen the post office at Indianola, Miss.

Andrew McWilliams, one of the junior partners of Andrew Carnegie, was struck and killed by a railroad engine at Pittsburg, Pa., on the 9th.

A bill was introduced in congress, on the 5th, to restore the sale of malt beverages and wines to soldiers on army transports and post exchanges.

In his message to the legislature, on the 6th, Gov. Stone of Pennsylvania said the coal strike had cost the people of that state more than \$1,000,-

Admiral Dewey left San Juan, P. R. on the 9th, for a cruise along the coast of San Domingo, Hayti and Cuba, and will return to Washington on the 17th.

Six hundred people sat down to a banquet in Berlin, on the night of the 8th, at which the dishes consisted enfirely of horse meat prepared in

Representative Thomas Crow and wife had a narrow escape from being suffocated by escaping gas in their room at Jefferson City, Mo., on the night of the 5th.

The Pioneer Reserve association of Bloomington and the Loyal Americans of Springfield, fraternal insurance associations, consolidated their organizations, on the 9th.

Cole Younger made application to the Minnesota state board of pardons, on the 6th, for a full pardon, the purpose being to enable him to return to his old home in Missouri.

At a cabinet meeting at Washington, on the 9th, it was decided that the resignation of Mrs. Minnie Cox, the colored postmaster at Indianola, Miss., would not be accepted.

G. W. Putnam, aged 84, appointed a postal clerk during the administration of President Lincoln, which office he held continuously since, died at Westfield, N. Y., on the 9th.

R. C. Kerens received the caucus nomination of the republican members of the Missouri legislature, on the 7th, for United States senator, by a vote of 35 to 33 for Charles Nagle.

Col. Henry C. Forbes, librarian of the Illinois state laboratory of nataral history, died at his home in Urlann, on the 5th. He commanded the Seventh Illinois cavalry in the civil

Clarence Rein, of New Orleans, was arrested at San Francisco, on the 9th, on a charge of aiding in swindling the Western Union Telegraph Co. out of about \$20,000, to which he con-

By a decision of the supreme court of Nebraska, on the 7th, the bondsmen of former State Treasurer Bartley, who embezzled nearly \$750,000 from the state, were released from all liability.

The driver of a mail wagon was arrested in New York, on the 8th, having in his possession checks to the value of more than a thousand dollars, which it is charged he stole from mail bags.

Gov. Nash, of Ohio, issued a proclamation, on the 9th, calling on the people of Ohio to observe January 29. the sixtieth anniversary of the late President McKinley's birth, with suit able exercises.

The caucus of democratic members of the Missouri legislature, at Jefferson City, on the 8th, nominated Willinm J. Stone by acclamation for United States senator to succeed Hon. George G. Vest.

Gen. A. B. Leeper, publisher of "The Lunatic Herald," at Pana, Ill., was adjudged insane, on the 8th, and taken the asylum at Jacksonville, where he had been confined on the same charge eight times previously.

The effects of the blizzard that raged in the northwest on the 6th were felt in Kentucky, Tennessee, Arkansas, Louisiana and Texas, on the 7th, high winds and cold weather prevailing throughout those states.

Dr. J. T. McFarland, pastor of church at Topeka, Kas., severely scored a judge in court, on the 9th for a fine that had been imposed on Mrs. Carrie Nation, and the judge fined the pastor \$100 for contempt of

Prof. Robert Koch, the bacteriolo gist, sailed from Hamburg, Germany, on the 7th, for Rhodesia, to study the cattle plague for the Chartered South Africa Co., at a salary of \$250 per day, all expenses and two high-salaried doctors to assist him.

William P. Bradley, the aged multimillionaire, who married his private secretary, Miss Hannemyer, at Milwaukee, Wis., on the 5th, died on the 7th, sitting in the same invalid chair in which he sat when the wedding

ceremony was performed. The Carnegie library building at Washington was dedicated, on the 7th, President Roosevelt, cabinet officers, members of congress and many other prominent people taking part. It is a beautiful white marble structure, for which Mr. Carnegie donated



# CURRENT TOPICS.

THE NEWS IN BRIEF.

FIFTY-SEVENTH CONGRESS.

(Second Session.)

from \$29 to \$49 per mouth.

In the senate, on the 7th, the bill for the reorganization of the millith and the statehood bill were discussed. Mr. Matlery (Fia.) speaking in opposition to the accion of the army bill providing for a force of trabed men. Mr. Beveridge (Ind.), Mr. Guay (Fa.) and Mr. Nelson (Minn.) spoke on the statehood bill... in the bouse the seasion was very brief. The senate bill for the redemption of the silver coinage of the Hawaiian islands and its recoinage into United States coin was passed. Several other bills of minor importance were passed.

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In the senate, on the 8th, the Vest res In the senate on the 8th, the Vest resolution, requesting the finance committee to report a bill removing the duty on an thractic coal, was discussed. Mr. Aldrich and Mr. Vest taking part. The resolution went over until the next legislative day. Mr. Neison continued his remarks usainst the omnibus statchood bill. A number of minor bills were passed... The house passed the Philippine constabulary bill, with an amendment limiting the number of assistant chiefs to four. The resignation of Mr. Lanham (Tex.), who has been elected governor of Texas, was laid before the house.

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The senate was not in session on the 9th.... In the house 144 private pension bills were passed. Mr. Russell (Tex.) criticised the uname haste with which private pension bills were passed, and an extended debate followed, in the course of which it was shown that since the civil war 16,000 special bills had been passed by congress. Mr. De Armond (Mo.) was appointed on the conference committee on congress. Mr. De Armond (Mo.) was ap-pointed on the conference committee of the anarchist bill to fill the vacance caused by the resignation of Mr. Lamham of Texas.

#### PERSONAL AND GENERAL.

United States Vice and Deputy Consul-General Edward P. MacLean died of pneumonia, at Paris, on the 7th.

While prospecting for zinc and lead on the holdings of the Big Four Zinc miles south of Harrisburg, Ill., on the 8th, N. W. Ferguson struck a five-Mining and Prospecting Co., eight foot vein of the finest quality of plumbago.

An official of the United States Steel to the amount of 26,400 shares have thus far been made by over 12,000 employes who wish to avail themselves

or the proposed profit-sharing plan. The dropping of a burning match into a vat of oil caused an explosion and fire in a large manufacturing States. plant in London, Ont., on the 9th, which resulted in a property loss of \$300,000.

Mrs. Anna T. Miller was convicted at Columbus, O., on the 9th, of using the United States mails in an attempt to blackmail prominent citizens, and sentenced to 13 months in the penitentiary.

By a decision of the Missouri supreme court, on the 9th, the sentence of death by the lower court on John Vinso was affirmed and he will be hanged at Pierce City February 13.

United States Ambassador Robert S. McCormick and wife arrived at St. Petersburg, on the 9th. Engineer King, living at Mattoon,

Ill., was badly hurt in a collision on the Big Four, near Moro, Ill., on the Dr. G. F. Shoey, a prominent physician of Medora, Ind., was burned to

death by the upsetting of a lamp in his room at his boarding house, on the night of the 8th. The Indiana state senate passed a bill, on the 9th, appropriating \$1,600

for a sword for Admiral Taylor, commander of the battleship Indiana at Santiago. H. P. H. Bromwell, a member of congress from the Charleston (III.)

district from 1865 to 1869, died at Denver, Col., on the 9th. Emil Johnson shot and killed Miss Beena Benson, at Virginia, Minn., on the 9th, because she had refused to

marry him. Mgr. Falconio, papal delegate to the United States, called to pay his re

spects to President Roosevelt, on the Capt. W. E. Gleason, of the Sixth infantry, U. S. A., died at Ft. Leaven-

worth, on the 9th, of pneumonia. Louis Baldwin, a well-known minstrel and comedian, died at Bloomington, Ill., on the 9th.

The southwestern limited, westbound, and the Cincinnati express, east-bound, on the Big Four, collided head-on, near Bethalto, Ill., on the night of the 9th. Both engineers were probably fatally hurt and the fireman of the limited is missing, probably buried under the wreck. Th

gers escaped with a severe shaking up. Germany's choice of city for the Olympian games is St. Louis, not Chicago, and Dr. Gebhardt, head of the German section of the international committee, has so informed Baron Coubertin, head of the French sec-

Alfred Beit, the South African financier, reputed to be the richest man in the world and one of the early developers of the Kimberly region was reported to be dying at Johannes burg, South Africa, on the 9th, where he had been stricken with apoplexy.

The offering of the administration anti-trust bill in the house, on the 8th, by Congressman Jenkins, was the occasion of much surprise and no little comment in administration circles, as well as among the members of the senate and house.

After occupying eight days, during which time they presented about 150 witnesses, the non-union men closed their case before the strike commission, at Philadelphia, on the 9th. The

operators are now having an inning. The Colonial house, ancient grist mill and barn, comprising the Curzon estate, widely known for their antiquity and as subjects for artists, were burned to the ground, on the 9th, at Newburyport, Mass. Artists from all parts of the country have visited the estate for study and

sketching. Henry Spelmire, a centenarian of Astor, Ore., has just passed away at the advanced age of 102 years. The old gentleman died of general debility. He was born in 1801, and is survived by one son, Frederick, a resident of St. Louis, who is 72 years of

The crusade against negro federal officeholders is spreading in Mississippi. White people have served notice on the postmaster at Jackson, Miss., that the employment of negro carriers on the star mail routes must be discontinued.

A tremendous stir was caused in Lincoln, Neb., on the night of the Sth. when Edward Rosewater, editor of the Omaha Bee, and retiring Gov. Savage almost came to blows while attending the reception to Gov. Hickey. Mrs. Frank Le Grande, wife of an

engine wiper employed by the Southern Pacific company, at Nevada, Cal., has just received information confirming her right to a one-tenth interest in the estate of her grandmother in Holland, worth \$25,000,000.

#### LATE NEWS ITEMS.

A committee from the Grand Army of the Republic visited President Roosevelt and Postmaster-General Payne, on the 9th, in the interest of legislation in favor of veterans of the civil war in appointments, retentions or promotions in the public service over other persons.

The charred body of Mrs. Florine Henry, wife of Philip S. Henry, a wealthy coffee merchant, was found in the ruins of the family residence, in New York, which was destroyed by fire, on the 11th. A servant girl jumped from a fourth-story window and was killed.

The Filipino people are averse to Gov. Taft leaving the islands, and a great popular demonstration, in which 8,000 men marched, took place in Manila, on the 11th, with the object of inducing him to remain.

An engineer on the Knoxville & Ohio railroad was found dead in his cab, on the 11th, with his hand grasping the throttle, in which condition he had been sitting while the train ran a distance of eight miles.

A burglar who had stolen \$400 worth of jewelry at Council Bluffs, Ia., on the night of the 10th, emptied his revolver at two pursuing policemen and made his escape.

William D. Beekett, a prominent lawyer of Omaha, Neb., was found frozen to death on the roadside, five miles from the city, early on the morning of the 11th.

Eleven Chinamen were overcome by coal gas in a room in Providence. corporation reports that applications R. I., on the 11th, one of them being dead when found and two others in a critical condition.

The emigration from Germany last year amounted to 266,884 persons, an increase of 63,586 over 1901, the majority of them coming to the United

Very severe weather was experienced through the northwest, on the 11th, the thermometer going down to eight below zero at Bismarck, N. D. John B. Henderson, Jr., of New York formerly of Missouri, and Miss Angelica Crosby are to be married at Charleston, W. Va., on February 12.

Lydin Dwyer, ten years old, suicided by poison at Ottumwa, Ia., on the 11th, because her mother would not let her play with other girls. A rive-foot vein of plumbago was

discovered in Saline county, Ill., on the 11th. In the senate, on the 12th, a lively

debate occurred between Messrs. Aldrich. Vest and Carmack over an effort made by Mr. Aldrich to secure a postponement of the Vest resolution requiring the committee on finance to report a bill removing the duty on coal, Mr. Vest expressing the belief that to allow its postponement would mean its defeat. After a large number of private pension bills had been passed, the senate adjourned out of respect to the memory of the late Representative Tongue, of Oregon . . . In the house a resolution was adopted to authorize the committee or merchant marine and fisheries to investigate the coal situation. No other business was transacted, the house at once adjourning out of respect to the memory of the late Representa-

tive Tongue, of Oregon. Secretary of the Navy William H. Moody was seriously but not dangerously injured at the naval academy grounds, Annapolis, Md., on the 12th, by jumping from a carriage in which he was riding, the horses attached to

which were running away at the time. John Mitchell and other officials of the mine workers' union issued a circular, on the 12th, to the local unions. urging the members to exert themselves in every way to increase the output of coal in order to relieve the stringency of the market.

The coldest weather of the winter prevailed in many parts of the south on the 12th, but little suffering was reported, as the supply of fuel was generally sufficient to meet the de-A railroad train crashed into

ford, N. Y., on the 12th, killing one of its five occupants, injuring two fatally and two severely. Ten full-blood Indians were arested and placed in jail at South Mc-Alester, I. T., on the 12th, on the charge of having killed Douglas Al-

sleigh at a grade crossing near Staf-

len, a white hunter. The New York tax assessment books, made public on the 12th, show that Andrew Carnegie leads the list of personal property assessments, with

There were six deaths from the olague at Mazatlan, Mexico, on the 11th, and eight on the 12th. A landslide at Nan Kin, on the 12th. resulted in the drowning of 200 China-

MISSOURI STATE NEWS. MISSOURI LEGISLATURE.

MISSOURI LEGISLATURE.

The Missouri legislature met on the 7th. The senate was called to order by Lieut.Jov. Lee. Rev. E. C. Hill, temporary inaplain, offered a prayer, the senators were sworn in, and the senate adjourned until Thursday out of respect for Gov. Dockery in his recent bereavement....In the house temporary organization was effected by the election of Davidson, of Marion, as speaker; W. A. McBride, of Johnson county, as secretary, and John Green, of Cole county, as sergeant-at-arms.

Marion, as speaker; W. A. McBride, of Johnson county, as secretary, and John direen, of Cobe county, as sergeant-at-arms.

Jefferson City, Mo., Jan. 8.—Both branches of the general assembly got in shape for work by effecting permanent organizations hearing the governor's message and clearing preliminaries away. In the senate, Lieut-Gov. Lee appointed a committee on rules, which met and decided to compel all senate committees to report measures at the end of ten days. The nominees of the caucuses for the various positions in the senate were presented, and the democratic slate went through intact, the republican nominees receiving the complimentary vote of the minority. Thomas L. Rubey, of Macon, was chosen president pro tem., and after taking the east of the continuous continuous continuous during the day. In the house but little was done beyond the effecting of a permanent organization, which included the selection of James H. Whitecotton as speaker for the third consecutive term. Both houses met in joint session in the afternoon to canvass the vote for ralivoad and warehouse commissioner.

The session of the senate, on the 5th, was a very brief one, laxing only 15 minutes, when adjournment was taken to Monday at three o'clock. A petition in the Parker-Kinealy contest case was filed by Mr. Smith, of St. Louis. Six bills were introduced, three of them being the 15-surance bills adopted by the commercial bodies of St. Louis, Karsas City and St. Joseph, Senator McNatt introduced a bill to provide for a lien for threshing grain upon the grain. Senator Walker, of Boone, introduced a bill to amend section \$350 of the revised statutes of Missouri relating to cities of the third class. Senator Jewell, of Kansas City, offered a bill to prohibit the desceration of the Sabath day, ... The house had a busy day, nearly fifty bills being introduced. Mr. Murphy gave notice of the contest of Thomus J. Leonard against Hichard J. Collins, from St. Louis county, which was referred to the committee on elections. Among the bills in

Mystery at Farmington. Bill and Joe Jones, brothers, were arrested and lodged in jail at Farmington on a charge of killing Charlie Jennings on December 20, at what is known as the Crowley farm, two masses of twisted steel. miles south of that city. Bill Jones married Mrs. Crowley about a month ngo, her former husband, Sam Crowley, having been killed by Jennings on the night of November 4 last. Jen-The sleeping cars of the westbound train, which did not leave the track, nings was last seen late in the afternoon of December 20 going toward the Crowley farm, and no trace of him has been found. Mrs. Jennings reported his disappearance to Prosecuting Attorney Marbury, who set on foot the investigation that led to the arrest of the Jones brothers. Jones brothers claim that just after dark on the night of December 20 they heard some one at the window and went out to investigate; that they saw some one near the house and fired eleven shots with a shotgun and Winchester rifle, but do not know if any of the shots took effect. Two Crump boys, who were boarding with the Jones brothers, claim they heard some one say: "Oh, I'm killed!" Wagon tracks were found leading from the house to a deep hole in the St. Francois river, and it is believed that Jenning's body was thrown in the river. Officers are dragging the river for his body. The Jones boys deny having done anything with the

Death Sentence Affirmed.

The supreme court has affirmed the the wreck for Big Four trains to get decision of the lower court and sen- around the obstruction. tenced John Vinso to be hanged in William W. Ward. Vinso killed Ward Fatal Accident to the Fast Mail by crushing his head with a stone in March, 1901, at Pierce City. The ex-

ecution is set for February 13. Death of a Well-Known Man. Col. Thomas P. Hoy, a veteran of a hundred more were severely shaken the Mexican and civil wars, passed away at Sedalia at the age of 79. He was caused by the derailment of an ena prominent democratic politician and

was formerly probate judge. Bequest to Masonic Home. The will of W. H. Smith, a banker of Montevallo, who died recently,

leaves his entire estate, valued at \$70,000, to the Missouri Masonic home after the death of his wife. Plumbers' Demand Granted.

portion of the chest and shoulders. At a joint meeting of representa tives of the master plumbers and A CORPSE AT THE THROTTLE journeymen in St. Louis the demand of the journeymen for a wage scale of \$5 a day was granted.

For, the World's Fair. St. Louis capitalists will undertake the solving of the problem of caring for the World's fair crowd by building two immense hotels at a cost of \$1, 500,000 each.

Killed By His Father's Car. The 11-year-old son of Motormar S. J. Bland was run over and killed by his father's car in front of the Bland residence in Nevada.

Quarryman Killed. Andrew Declue, a quarryman, was instantly killed in a sand quarry at

Pacific by a rock falling on his head. He was a single man. Joined Salvation Army. Thomas Punshon, who was convicted of wife murder, but pardoned by

army in St. Joseph. What Next? William Parsons, of Galena, Kas. was arrested at Joplin, the other day, charged with stealing a tombstone in

Gov. Dockery, joined the Salvation

the former town. His Last Drink. Joseph Willis, a Macon negro, started in to see how much whisky he could drink. He swallowed three

pints and died. Whitecotton Again. James H. Whitecotton is the speaker of the house of representatives for the second time, he having practically

Laughlin.

Columbia on January 22-23.

no opposition. Refuses to Discuss the Matter Found Dead in a Straw Stack. Birmingham, Ala., Jan. 11.-Mrs. Lewis J. Gordon's body was found Minnie Cox, the Indianola, Miss., postin a straw stack near California. He mistress was shown the dispatch from committed suicide by swallowing car-Washington to-day saying that the cabinet had decided not to accept her Desmond-McLaughlin. resignation. She absolutely refused

Chief of Detectives Desmond, St, to discuss the matter. Louis' noted thief-catcher, was married in that city to Miss Hannah Mc-Surrendered to the Authorities. Shawnee, O., Jan. 11.—George Worthington, who shot and killed his Missouri State Press Association. brother Alex, the result of a quarrel The annual meeting of the Missouri ever a poker game, and escaped, has State Press association will be held as

surrendered to the authorities.

the year 1905.

UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI.

THE BIG FOUR ACCIDENT.

Two Passenger Trains Collide, Head

On, While Running at

High Speed.

FIREMAN KILLED, ENGINEER INJURED.

trange to Relate, None of the Pas

sengers Was Injured Beyond an

Unceremonious Shaking Up, the

Conches of Each Train Remain-

St. Louis, Jan. 11 .- Two St. Louis

express trains on the Big Four rail-

road collided Friday night half a

mile cast of Bethalto, Ill., while run-

ning rapidly, and both engines were

wrecked, killing one man and injuring

The southwestern limited express

No. 11, westbound, was traveling in

two sections, and the last section met

the Cincinnati express, No. 36, out of

It is said that a train dispatcher

forgot that No. 11 was in two sec-

36 but this matter has not been fully

The wreck occurred at 9:45 o'clock.

Half a mile east of Bethalto is a bend

in the road and a heavy grade slop-

ing westward. The second section of

No. 11, at the rate of about 60 miles

an hour, was coming down the grade.

Engineer Henry Hendricks supposed

that he had a clear track, and was

making time where he had the chance.

to Cincinnati was the express which

had left St. Louis an hour and 20

minutes before. This train was run-

The two engines jumped high into

the air and fell to the earth shapeless

One of the mail cars caught fire, but

crews and some sections hands who

were hauled to Litchfield by a freight

engine, and were brought on to St.

Thomas Corrigan, clerk in charge

Engineer Hendricks, who lives at

His fireman, who was making his

Engineer King of the eastbound

train jumped when he saw that the

collision was inevitable. He was not

The Wabash tracks were used after

WRECK AT THE TUNNEL.

Train on the Pennsylvania Line

at the St. Louis Tunnel.

St. Louis, Jan. 11.-One person was

killed, another seriously scalded and

gine attached to the fast mail train

of the Pennsylvania line Friday af-

ternoon at the entrance to the ter-

Meldrum, fireman of the train, head

erushed and scalded from head to

feet, died five hours after the acci-

dent, and William E. Young, engineer,

scalded about hands, face and upper

A Railroad Engineer Found Dead In

His Cab While the Train Was

Running as Usual.

Knoxville, Tenn., Jan. 12.-Passen-

gers on an incoming Knoxville &

Ohio railroad train rode several miles

Sunday afternoon with the hand of

a corpse at the throttle of the en-

gine. The train left Buckeye, Tenn.,

on time, and ran through Careyville,

the next station. When Engineer A.

C. Young ran through the latter town

Fireman Matlock knew something

was wrong and stepped to the engi

neer's side of the engine. He found

Young dead, and immediately stopped

the train. There is a wound on the

left side of the engineer's head, and

the supposition is that a piece of

stone fell from the side of a high

cut through the mountains and killed

him instantly. The train ran per-haps eight miles after Young was

UNSURPASSED EXHIBITS.

The Principal Asiatic Countries Will

Make Unsurpassed Exhibits

at St. Louis.

Portland, Ore., Jan. 11 .- The Ore-

gonian publishes a Bombay cablegram

from Commissioner John Barrett, of

the Louisiana Purchase exposition.

which states that the principal Asiatic

countries will make unsurpassed ex-

hibits at the St. Louis exposition and

the Lewis and Clark centennial fair,

which will be held in this city during

under the wreck of the engines

wound and internal injuries. One of

of one of the mail cars, was hurt in-

Louis over the Wabash tracks.

his ankles was broken.

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Going around the curve on its way

ing on the Track.

St. Louis.

investigated.

A Brief Review of the Progressive Develo ment of the University of Missourl at Columbi

St. Louis, Jan. 7 .- The Globe-Democrat has this to say editorially on the development of the University of Mis-

"Perhaps few citizens are aware of

the full progressive development of the University of Missouri at Columbia. An intelligent comprehension of the great work already accomplished will give a clear idea of the next steps to be taken to place the university among the foremost institutions of the kind in the world. Since the first classes were formed sixty-one years ago the total of students has been 26,600 and the number of degrees con ferred for work done reaches 2,869. The college of agriculture and mechanic arts and the school of mines and metallurgy date from 1870, the cal department from 1873 and the engineering department from 1877. In 1888 the experiment station authorized by congress was established and two years later the state military school was added. In the summer school for teachers the enrollment last year was nearly 1,200. The university exerts a powerful influence on tions, and wired a clear track for No. the public school system through these teachers. But not alone in this way, for in eleven years the six high

schools preparing students to meet

the entrance requirements have been

increased to 113.

"Another fact not generally known s that the agricultural department of the university is practically one of the most successful in the world. Experience has shown that to create a working branch of this kind is one of the most difficult achievements in the whole range of collegiate effort. The University of Missouri teaches real farming on a scientific basis. For several years the experiment station has Several baggage and mail cars were been actively dealing with such probthrown into a ditch and piled up in lems as wintering cattle and testing the comparative value of feeds. Recognizing the exceptional merit of the agricultural labors at the University of Missouri, the department at Washington is specially co-operating with the uninjured members of the two it in the study of beef production, and has requested it to prepare a report on the subject. The government co-operation also extends to soil survey, irrigation and certain difficult points in applied botany. It is estimated that insects cost Missouri farmers and horticulturists between \$2,000,000 and \$3,000,000 a year, and these pests can only be controlled by scientific means. The Columbia experiment station is credited with sev-Mattoon, Ill., received a severe scalp eral notable discoveries in combating nsects that prey upon fruit trees. Missouri has attained the first place in the number of growing apple trees, first trip on the road, was crushed and is at least fourth as a fruit state. Two years ago the university paid The two injured men were taken to for a complete survey of all the water St. Joseph's hospital in Alton. Dr. power in southern Missouri and for J. Thrailkill, of Bethalto, and Dr. G. the publication of the facts gathered. W. Hinchee, of Moro, attended the in-It has also carried on researches in jured men at first. Not long aftercoal, cement rock and mineral waters. ward a special arrived from Alton, and, through the department of enbearing Doctors T. Y. Yerkes, H. R. gineering, conducted extensive tests Lemen and Fisher to the scene of the

in behalf of good roads. "The university had been in existence nearly thirty years before it received any aid from the state, and the appropriation then was \$5,000 a year for two years. Only a comparatively small sum now is granted by the leg-Izlature. President Jesse says on this point in a recent bulletin: What we are asking out of the general revenue fund for maintenance in the next blennial period amounts to 1 cent a year on every \$100 of property in the state. A man whose assessment is \$1,000 would pay 10 cents a year for maintaining the university.' It is a small request indeed compared with the educational and industrial beneand badly frightened in a wreck fits that come in ever-increasing measure from the institution of which the state feels proud, and yet, at times, overlooks. Sixteen hundred young men and women are unminal tunnel. The victims are: Oscar L. der instruction at the university. President Jesse's summary of its work and needs is a convincing document and will go far toward securing the modest appropriation desired."

#### FROM AFFLUENCE TO PENURY. Death of Joseph M. Davidson, Once a Wealthy Member of St. Louis Merchants' Exchange.

St. Louis, Jan. 8.-Joseph M. Davidson, one of the oldest members of the St. Louis Merchants' exchange and at one time very wealthy, died at the city hospital, practically penniless. He was picked up unconscious on the street New Year's day, and was scarcely conscious after being taken to the hospital. Mr. Davidson was about 45 years old at the time of his death. It is said that he had relatives living near Tolona, Ill., where his remains will be taken for interment. Death was due to alcoholism and exposure.

Paris, Jan. 8 .- Vice and Deputy United States Consul-General Edward P. MacLean is critically ill of acute pneumonia, which began with a light

Critically III in Paris.

monia has developed. Senators Renominated. Chicago, Jan. 8.-Senators Russell A. Alger, of Michigan; Boise Penrose, of Pennsylvania, and H. C. Hans brough, of North Dakota, have been

nominated by the republican caucuses

of their respective states for re-elec-

attack of the grip a week ago. Pneu-

President to Visit Canton, O. Washington, Jan. 8 .- President Roosevelt has accepted an invitation to attend the banquet to be given by the Canton Republican league in Canton, O., on Tuesday evening, January

## A Dying Actress.

New York, Jan. 5 .- It is reported that Etta Butler, the actress, is dying in a New York hospital, to which she was removed about a month ago Miss Butler's parents, who reside in California, have been notified of her

## Fire at Elk River, Minn.

Elk River, Minn., Jan. S .- The new Houlton block, containing Houlton's bank, the opera house, three general stores and the post office, Tuesday night . loss, \$75,000.

# TO DEAL WITH THE TRUSTS.

Congressmen Considering the Means by Which They Are to Be Reached.

#### SOME MEASURE LIKELY TO BE PASSED.

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Washington, Jan. 13.-Following the conference at the White House Sunday night, attended by Senator Aldrich and Speaker Henderson, there was a great deal of discussion Monlaw department from 1872, the mediate as to the prospects of anti-trust legislation during this session of congress. The conclusion reached is that some measure will be passed. "There will be no radical legislation," said one prominent republican senator, "but a measure embodying some features of the Knox bill may be passed. The republicans are not going to accept any or everything that is offered, nor will they abdicate to the minority to dictate what shall be done. It will be some time, however, before the trust bills are taken up, and senators will have time to inform themselves on all phases of the subject of a bill before the matter is brought before the senate."

Knox Bill Favored. Another prominent senator said he hought there would be legislation this session, not alone for the one introduced by Senator Hoar, but more in the nature of suggestions made by Attorney-General Knox. One feature of the Knox bill that was favorably considered was that which provided for the punishment of the person or corporation which received rebates as well as the carrier or corporation

that gave them. Willing to Wait on House. In the senate committee on judiciary, Monday, the question of trust legislation was taken up briefly and Senators Hoar, Fairbanks and Nelson, republicans, and Pettus and Turner, lemocrats, were appointed a sub-committee to consider the subject in detail. Senator Hoar said that if the house of representatives should act at an early day his sub-committee would wait on the house measure, but if it became apparent that there was to be delay in the house he would call the committee together to act independently of the house. There was no general discussion of the subject in the committee, but so far as opinions were expressed by members they

### were favorable to action.

Bill to Be Reported Friday. An anti-trust bill will be reported to the house judiciary committee at its meeting Friday, for the sub-committee of which Representative Little-field is chairman. This statement was made Monday. The sub-committee will meet soon, when the bills drawn by Attorney-General Knox and introduced by the chairman of the judiciary committee, but which the subcommittee has been advised were intended to be in the nature of supplemental suggestions, will be compared with the bill already drafted by the

sub-committee. Quick Action Wanted. An effort will be made to have the bill reported to the judiciary committee on Friday and reported out of that committee at the earliest possible date, in order that it may be taken up for action by the house without delay, thus giving the senate time

to net. Members of Mr. Littlefield's subcommittee, it is stated, expect their bill as it will go to the full committee to be acceptable to the administration and to have the support of the leaders of the house. There is reason to believe that Attorney-Gen-Knox will be conferred with the sub-committee finally adopts a bill for report to the full committee.

#### THE ILLINOIS COAL MINERS. They Will Not Work Ten Hours s Day, as They Say Operators

Are to Blame. Springfield, ill., Jan. 13.-Adam Menche, president of the State Federation of Labor, was questioned Monday night relative to a report from Chicago that the grand jury which is investigating the alleged coal combine there will ask the Illinois miners to work ten hours per day in order to relieve the situation. Menche stated very emphatically that the miners would never consent to this. He declared that the operators and railroads were solely to blame for the existing coal famine, and that some mines in the state are idle be-

cause of the scarcity of coal cars. Mr. Menche declared that there were now 36 miles of loaded cars in Chicago alone, and that they have been there for some time, and that here in Springfield the Chicago & Alton had four strings of coal cars three blocks each in length.

# PROMINENT PEOPLE.

Josquin Miller has made a great deal of money out of his lands in Texas.

It is proposed to erect a monument to Dante in Rome, on the site now oc cupied by the equestrian statue of Marcus Aurelius,

Russian women of means are now trying to gain admission to membership in the St. Petersburg bourse. The men do not seem to object. The well-known Russian historian, Miliukov, whose liberal views have for

a long time past been a source of offense to the authorities, has been sentenced to six months' imprisonment for his alleged connection with last winter's university troubles. Secretary Moody, of the navy depart-

ment, gave a terrible shock to the ultra-swell element in Washington the other day. He was seen on horseback wearing a yachting cap and he seemed to be enjoying his ride, too, notwithstanding this flagrant violation of sartorial law. One indignant observer said it would be "quite as appropriate, don't you know, if he were seen on board a yacht in hunting costume."